

The business session was followed by a dinner in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Club. The retiring president, Mr. F. S. Collins, presided and acted as toast master. Mr. Williams, who for the whole ten years has served as the recording secretary and treasurer of the Club, gave an admirable sketch of its history, specially emphasizing the value of such an organization in stimulating and co-ordinating the activities of the amateur botanists of the region. On motion of Mr. Rand, it was unanimously voted that this historical sketch should be printed for distribution to all members of the Club. The other speakers were Messrs. Farlow, the first president of the Club, Robinson, Fernald, Webster, Deane, and Brainerd, whose addresses felicitously recalled many of the more humorous as well as the serious aspects of the work in which the Club has been engaged during the past decade. The dinner was attended by nearly fifty resident and non-resident members, who had gathered from New York, New Brunswick, and every state of New England except New Hampshire. The evening will long be remembered as one of the pleasantest in history of the Club.

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THE DEATH OF FRANCIS HOWARD PEABODY. — It is with deep regret that we record the death on September 22nd, 1905, of Francis Howard Peabody. As senior member of one of the most prominent and successful banking firms in New England, Mr. Peabody was subject to the constant and pressing demands of his influential position. It is, therefore, one of the best evidences of his breadth of interests and largeness of character that he found time and attention for literary and scientific pursuits. As a pupil and for many years thereafter a warm personal friend of Dr. Asa Gray, Mr. Peabody had a very cordial interest in botanical investigation, and for several years served as chairman of the Visiting Committee of the Gray Herbarium. He became a member of the New England Botanical Club June 4th, 1897, and gave much cordial encouragement as well as financial aid to its various undertakings. Although he would have been the last to claim much technical knowledge of botany, his well trained judgment and keen discrimination gave him a surprising insight into the ideals and problems of modern botanical research. Mr. Peabody died suddenly of heart-disease at his summer home in Beverley, Massachusetts. He was in his seventy-fourth year.